

Listing of claims:

1 (currently amended) A masking member for use in a coating process to protect from coating a specific part of an article that is being coated, wherein said masking member:

- (i) has a prescribed, non-planar, deep drawing shape or complex shape;
- (ii) is made of a modified polypropylene sheet in which 5 to 30% by weight of polypropylene and/or ethylene-propylene copolymer is mixed in with polypropylene;
- (iii) said masking member being manufactured by is vacuum and/or pressure formed from forming said modified polypropylene sheet into a said prescribed, non-planar, deep drawing or complex shape; and
- (iv) does not droop under its own weight in said vacuum and/or pressure forming.

Claim 2 (original): A masking member in accordance with Claim 1, wherein 20 to 50 % by weight of an inorganic filler is mixed in with said modified polypropylene.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously presented): A masking member in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a non-modified polypropylene film covers one or both sides of said modified polypropylene sheet.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A masking member in accordance with Claim 2, wherein a non-modified polypropylene film covers one or both sides of said modified polypropylene sheet.